



9TH Command Sergeant Major



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Army National Guard Command Sergeant Major Richard J. Burch was selected as the 9th Command Sergeant Major of the Army National Guard on March 5th 2010

In this position, Command Sergeant Major Burch represents and advises the Director of the Army National Guard (DARNG) on matters pertaining to ARNG policies and actions that affect enlisted Soldiers of the ARNG through meetings, conferences, information exchanges and on-site observations; coordinates with the Sergeant Major of the Army and Command Sergeants Major of ARNG and Major Army Command formations; reviews and inspects field training, inactive duty training, overseas deployments and Noncommissioned Officer Leadership schools on behalf of the DARNG. The CSM serves as the advisor to or member of councils, boards, and workshops to include: the DoD Reserve Forces Senior Enlisted Advisory Council; Reserve Components Coordinating Council; Reserve Forces Policy Board; Army Reserve Forces Policy Committee; the CSM Selection Boards; and NGB CSM Advisory Council.

Command Sergeant Major Richard J. Burch was the State Command Sergeant Major for the Nebraska National Guard. His military career began on February 3, 1976, when he joined Company C, 2nd Battalion, 134th Infantry Regiment, Nebraska Army National Guard, serving as a traditional guardsman until July 1984 as a communications specialist and infantryman rising to the rank of Staff Sergeant. In July of 1984 he entered Active Duty in the Active Guard and Reserve program and served as an Infantry Platoon Sergeant, Infantry Company First Sergeant, Infantry Battalion Operations Sergeant, Acting Infantry Battalion Command Sergeant Major, Human Resources Senior Sergeant, Quartermaster Battalion Command Sergeant Major, Area Support Group Command Sergeant Major and Recruiting & Retention Command Sergeant Major. CSM Burch served in Afghanistan from July 2005 until July 2006, as a member of the 209th RTI, 53rd BCT Training Assistance Group, at the Kabul Military Training Center. While in Afghanistan he was assigned as the Training and Doctrine Command Sergeant Major – Mentor, and was awarded the Bronze Star and Combat Action Badge.

CSM Burch graduated from the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy in June 1996, and was assigned as Command Sergeant Major in June 2000 and subsequently promoted in February 2002. Effective March 15, 2007 Major General Roger P. Lempke selected CSM Burch as Nebraska's State Command Sergeant Major.

Military Awards include: Bronze Star Medal; Meritorious Service Medal (7th Award); Army Commendation Medal (3rd Award); Army Achievement Medal (7th Award); Army Good Conduct Medal (7th Award); Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (2nd Award); National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award); Afghanistan Campaign Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Humanitarian Service Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Gold Hour Glass and 'M' Device; NCO Professional Development Ribbon with Numeral 4; Army Service Ribbon; Army Overseas Service Ribbon; Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon with Numeral 2; Combat Action Badge; Nebraska National Guard Legion of Merit (2); Nebraska National Guard Meritorious Service Medal (2nd Award); Nebraska National Guard Commendation Medal (2nd Award); AK-SAR-BEN Outstanding Citizen-Soldier Award; Nebraska National Guard Individual Achievement Medal (3rd Award); Nebraska National Guard Homeland Defense Service Ribbon w/'M' Dvc; Nebraska National Guard Emergency Service Medal (5th Award); Nebraska National Guard Service Medal with Thirty Year Device.